

Section 1

EPA Site ID

ARD990660649

NPL Proposed/listing dates

Proposed: 3/15/2012

Final: 9/18/2012

Site Name

Cedar Chemical Corporation

Street Address

49 Phillips Road 311 (Highway 242 South)

City(ies)

West Helena

County(ies)

Phillips

STATE(s)

AR

Congressional District(s)

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Zip code(s)

72342

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Site Headline

From 1971 to 2002 the facility manufactured or processed a variety of agricultural and organic chemicals under various owners and operators.

Section 2

Current Site Status (complete for deleted, minimally active, smaller sites)

Currently, the facility is leased to Quapaw Products LLC which is revitalizing two of the chemical production units.

Detailed Site Status/Upcoming Work and Next Steps (complete for larger, active sites)

Potential Risks and Exposure Pathway(s)

Environmental issues associated with the facility include abandoned chemicals, buried drums, ground water contamination, surface and subsurface soil contamination and an abandoned storm water treatment system.

List of Site Contaminants (List only final CoCs)

Chemicals of concern are dieldrin, 1,2-dichloroethane, aldrin, dinoseb, chloroform, methylene chloride, toxaphene, methoxychlor, heptachlor and pentachlorophenol.

Links to Contaminant information

Dieldrin (<http://www.epa.gov/pbt/pubs/aldrin.htm>)

1,2-dichloroethane (<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/1-2-dichloroethane.cfm>)

Aldrin (<http://www.epa.gov/pbt/pubs/aldrin.htm>)

Dinoseb (<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/dinoseb.cfm>)

Chloroform (<http://www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/hlthef/chlorofo.html>)

Methylene chloride (<http://www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/hlthef/methylen.html>)

Toxaphene (<http://www.epa.gov/pbt/pubs/toxaphene.htm>)

Methoxychlor (<http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/wastemin/minimize/factshts/methoxch.pdf>)

Heptachlor (<http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/wastemin/minimize/factshts/hepch1.pdf>)

Pentachlorophenol (<http://www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/hlthef/pentachl.html>)

How is EPA addressing the risks/cleaning up the site?

How can the Public stay safe and get involved?

Public Meetings/Opportunities/Comment Periods

Past Meetings Information

Section 3

Site History

The Cedar Chemical site is an abandoned chemical manufacturing facility located in Phillips County, Arkansas south of West Helena, Arkansas. The site consists of 48 acres along State Highway 242, 1 mile southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and Highway 242. The site is in the Helena-West Helena Industrial Park and consists of six former production units, support facilities and an office on the north side of Industrial Park Road. A biological treatment system is located south of Industrial Park Road, Arkansas Highway 242 to the northwest, a Union Pacific railway to the northeast, and other industrial park properties to the southeast and southwest bound the site.

The facility was initially operated by Helena Chemical in 1970. The facility was purchased by Eagle River Chemical and operated for approximately 18 months. From 1971 to 2002 the facility manufactured or processed a variety of agricultural and organic chemicals under various owners and operators. The last owner of record was Cedar Chemical Corporation. On March 8, 2002, Cedar Chemical Corporation filed for bankruptcy. Manufacturing and plant operations were shut down shortly thereafter. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) assumed control of the facility on October 12, 2002, and currently acts as the caretaker of the facility.

In January 2003, the EPA Region 6 conducted a Superfund removal action and removed chemicals left in tanks and containers. On March 22, 2007, ADEQ, pursuant to the authority of the Arkansas Remedial Action Trust Fund Act (RATFA), issued a Consent Administrative Order (CAO) LIS 07-027 to Tyco Safety Products-Ansul Incorporated, formerly known as Wormald US, Inc. (Ansul), Helena Chemical Company (Helena Chemical), and ExxonMobil Chemical Co., a division of ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil) regarding Cedar Chemical. The CAO directed that environmental concerns be addressed at the facility. Currently, the facility is leased to Quapaw Products LLC which is revitalizing two of the chemical production units.

Site Map – Y/N

Interactive Site Map – Y/N

Environmental Information – sampling work, data collected, why

Site Data to Highlight – Y/N

Non-AR Technical Documents? Y/N, keywords

AR on the Web

Section 4

Newsroom link (site-specific, default to regional newsroom)

News Releases from Region 6

(<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/Press%20Releases%20From%20Region%206%21OpenView>
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Social Media Y/N

Announcements

Have Banner and Site Photos with captions and alt text? (2-30 site photos needed with captions describing what they are pictures of) – Y/N

Video(s)/Podcasts Y/N

Links to external/partner resources

Web revision contact (Ed Board or regional workgroup member responsible for the site
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